

HOUSE RESOLUTION 124

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Commissioner Jim Henry of the Department of Children's Services upon his receipt of the Childhelp Voice of the Children Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those individuals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Commissioner Jim Henry of the Department of Children's Services, who has been named the recipient of the Childhelp Voice of the Children Award, which was presented on April 22, 2015, at the Childhelp National Day of Hope celebration in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Childhelp is a leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping at-risk children; its programs and services include residential treatment services, children's advocacy centers, therapeutic foster care, group homes, and child abuse prevention, education, and training; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Henry and the Department of Children's Services were singled out for this prestigious honor in recognition of their continuing excellence in serving Tennessee's at-risk children and families, and the extensive work the agency is undertaking in giving children silenced by abuse a vocal advocate; and

WHEREAS, the Department's inspirational accomplishments cited by Childhelp include achieving its continued number-one national performance ranking in getting children placed in permanent and loving homes, revamping training, reengaging partner agencies and improving working relationships, achieving greater transparency, delivering robust foster parent

recruitment, retooling the Child Abuse Hotline, and becoming the first state in the nation to offer transitional living services to 100 percent of youth who age out of foster care; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Commissioner Jim Henry of the Department of Children's Services for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate Commissioner Jim Henry of the Department of Children's Services upon being awarded the Childhelp Voice of the Children Award, commend his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.